

**CLAIMS**

[0035] What is claimed is:

1. A game payout value modification method, comprising:
  - selecting a game to be played;
  - establishing a set of game outcomes;
  - establishing a pay table for the set of game outcomes;
  - initiating the game;
  - selecting at least one bonus winning outcome from the set of game outcomes;
  - modifying the pay table entry associated with the at least one selected bonus winning outcome;
  - playing the game until an outcome is determined for at least one player; and,
  - paying the at least one player according to the modified pay table.
2. The game payout modification method of Claim 1, wherein the bonus winning outcome is selected at random from a set of outcomes with each possible outcome having substantially the same odds of being selected.
3. The game payout modification method of Claim 1, wherein the bonus winning outcome is selected at random from a set of outcomes with different outcomes having different odds of being selected.
4. The game payout value modification method of Claim 1, wherein the game to be played is a form of Poker.
5. The game payout value modification method of Claim 1, wherein the game is Blackjack.
6. The game payout value modification method of Claim 1, wherein the pay table modification is the enhancement of the payout associated with the bonus winning outcome.
7. The game payout value modification method of Claim 6, wherein the enhanced payout is paid if a player wins the game with the bonus winning outcome.
8. The game payout value modification method of Claim 1, wherein the pay table modification is the winning of an alternative pot.

9. The game payout value modification method of Claim 8, wherein the alternative pot is won by a player if a game outcome associated with the player at the end of the game matches the bonus winning outcome, regardless of whether the player wins the game.
10. The game payout value modification method of Claim 8, wherein the alternative pot is divided evenly among all players for whom an associated game outcome at the end of the game matches the bonus winning outcome, regardless of whether the player wins the game.
11. A game payout value modification method comprising:
  - establishing a pay table of payouts for possible game outcomes;
  - initiating game play;
  - allowing at least one player to place a bet;
  - selecting a bonus pay outcome from a set of possible outcomes;
  - modifying the pay table entry associated with the bonus pay outcome;
  - playing the game, such that at least one outcome is associated with each player;
  - awarding a player the payout from the pay table associated with the player outcome if the player outcome is a winning outcome; and
  - ending game play.
12. The game payout modification method of Claim 11, wherein the pay table entry modification is the enhancement of the payout associated with the bonus pay outcome.
13. The game payout modification method of Claim 12, wherein the level of enhancement is determined at random.
14. A game payout modification method comprising:
  - establishing a pay table of payouts for possible game outcomes;
  - initiating game play;
  - allowing at least one player to place a bet;
  - selecting an alternative winning outcome from a set of possible outcomes;
  - modifying the pay table entry associated with the alternative winning outcome;
  - playing the game, such that at least one outcome is associated with each player;

awarding a player the payout from the pay table associated with the player outcome regardless of whether the player outcome is a winning outcome if the player outcome matches the alternative winning outcome; and

ending game play.

15. The game payout modification method of Claim 14, wherein the pay table entry modification is the payment of the value of an alternative pot.
16. The game payout modification method of Claim 15, wherein the alternative pot is a progressive pot.
17. The game payout modification method of Claim 14, wherein the pay table entry modification is the enhancement of the value associated with the alternative winning outcome.
18. A method of modifying the payout for a Poker game, comprising:
  - establishing a pay table of payouts for possible winning hands;
  - initiating game play;
  - allowing at least one player to place a bet;
  - selecting a bonus hand from a set of possible winning hands;
  - modifying the pay table entry associated with the bonus hand;
  - playing the Poker game, including dealing at least one hand to each player;
  - awarding a player the payout from the pay table associated with a player hand if the player hand is the winning hand; and
  - ending game play.
19. The Poker Game payout modification method of Claim 18, wherein the pay table modification is the re-ordering of the pay table such that the selected bonus hand is the highest ranking hand.
20. The Poker Game payout modification method of Claim 18, wherein the pay table modification is the assigning of a bonus winning value.